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GAY LIBERATION (UNIVERSITY) MANIFESTO

For the first time in history, gays are organising to end their oppression. We have been stigmatised, abused, and discriminated against because our sexual preferences run counter to the rigid heterosexual stereotype. But now we are standing up and saying that our life styles are as valid as anyone's. We are not going to be treated as sick, disturbed or perverted. Scientific evidence supports our claim - research has shown homosexuality is both natural and common.

There are thousands of women and men throughout New Zealand who are conscious of feelings of tenderness and love for members of their own sex. If they express these feelings or are open about their gayness, they are often ridiculed, ostracized and sometimes arrested or subjected to physical violence. Society's anti-gay prejudices force thousands of us into hiding because of this. But only by coming out of our 'closets' and saying "we are proud to be gay and we demand equality", can we organise to fight our oppression.

COME OUT OF YOUR CLOSETS

FIGHT FOR LIBERATION

GAY IS PROUD

We believe that all people should have the unhindered right to sexual self-determination i.e. to be either homosexual, heterosexual or bi-sexual, according to their own sexual preference. All laws prohibiting sexual acts between consenting persons should be abolished.

DEFINITION OF GAY

A person with the ability to love a member of their own sex.

DEMANDS

1. Repeal all anti-gay laws so that all laws pertaining to homosexuality are the same as those pertaining to heterosexuality.
2. Ban all discrimination against gays i.e. we demand that it be illegal that gays suffer, because of their sexual preference, discrimination in employment, accommodation and all other social areas.

ACTION

We shall oppose all oppression of gay people and fight for GAY RIGHTS and GAY PRIDE by organising into a united and active front as many gays as possible by:

1. Educationals - forums, teach-ins, consciousness raising groups, leaf-letting, news media coverage.
2. Pickets and marches for gay rights.
3. Defense campaigns against individual cases of discrimination against gays.
4. Fighting in solidarity with other similarly oppressed groups.
5. Referral of those gays who want medical, legal and counselling services to our professional contacts.
6. Fund raising in the form of social functions (additory).

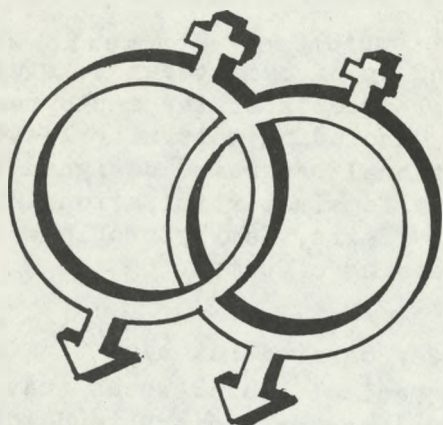
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WE INTEND TO STAND FIRM AS GAYS AND DEMAND OUR BASIC RIGHTS

GAY IS ~~ANGRY~~

GAY IS PROUD

editorial ■■ I told my father who told my mother who told me it was all her fault, to which my father agreed ■■■■



Gay Pride is comparable to Black is Beautiful, Sisterhood is Powerful. Self pride is one of the greatest assets a person can have. A stoical armament with which to face the oppressor. Gay pride must be fostered.

When I was 14, lesbians were an unknown entity. I had made jokes about short haired women in tweeds and brogues and read some nasty little things here and there. But I was as prejudiced against women I knew nothing about as people-as were so many of us then. It came as a mild surprise when I found myself lusting after a teacher who had taken an interest in my art work and encouraged me to go to art school. I knew all about "stages young girls go through" but I was mortified when she showed the class her engagement ring. Never mind, mere infatuation and quite normal, I said.

Indulging thereafter, in "natural infatuations" with girlfriends (and boyfriends) behind closed doors and in all those other places people get it together I found to my sheer delight that I loved every minute of it. But the hushed whispers, the nervous giggles and fumbings began to pall. I wanted the real thing... a deeper relationship.

As I matured, relationships with both sexes became more meaningful to me, but I was unhappy about my attraction towards women. I was conditioned enough to know that I would have to start telling lies...leading a double life...pretending. Did I have a dreaded "mother complex"....a mental aberration or was I just straight out perverted? I read as many books on the subject as I could and apart from the pornographic rags (which turned me on) all my worst fears were reinforced. I was sick, perverted, mentally aberrated and would likely never mature beyond my adolescent phase.

Christ, I'm one of "those women", I said. At this point some gays flee to nunneries, get married or slowly go insane with fear and frustration. I chose to investigate further. I told my father who told my mother who told me it was all her fault to which my father agreed. They had obviously been reading the same trash. Father and I had long philosophical discussions while my mother worried that I was doing myself (and them) dreadful harm if I kept up a relationship I was having with an older woman.. who occasionally got me drunk on whiskey. At 16 I felt their attitudes were not realistic or relative to me ...but I also felt the power of SOCIETY'S wrath...the threat was frightening, to say the least.

I ran the gauntlet of the shrinks' sofas, trying desperately to justify my sexual orientation and suppressing any attraction to women. I learned self hatred....I learned to hate all lesbians wherever they were and for all they symbolised. Self hatred is a powerfully destructive force. Paranoia was growing rapidly. I had thoroughly internalised all that was supposed to be unacceptable to society.

I learned to hate feelings of tenderness and love towards women. I became introverted and shy with a large inferiority complex. Society's dictatorial codes of decency were robbing me of my peace of mind. I half considered marrying a man I had known for 4 years but I knew it would be a dishonest opt-out. The crunch came when I met a woman whom I fell in love with and subsequently lived with for 3 years. I met many gay sisters and brothers who had all the depressing symptoms of an oppressed people. At 19 I seriously began to lash out at the lies perpetuated by society against our chosen lifestyles. My lover and I were not like that... we did not do those things...and so on. I had that "privileged" position of so-called superiority in my profession where the oppressor could not put me down easily. I was lucky. But some of my friends went insane or committed suicide.

I felt the first real pangs of self pride when I was 22 and again with my involvement with Gay Liberation, Auckland. I look back at all those wasted years; wasted mental and physical energies; the needless feelings of paranoia and the pretentious, half-lives we have had to lead - and I am angry. Gay Liberation reinforced my self-pride and that achievement is the very essential seed from which full liberation grows.

Sharon Alston

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CASES OF DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST WOMEN

broadsheet

feminist diary •

May 4

The FOL conference recommended the setting up of committees to study several aspects of the employment of women, including maternity leave, an educational programme designed to promote female participation in trade union affairs, family problems and re-training of women.

May 5

A survey carried out by a team at Otago Medical School shows that women who graduate as doctors tend to keep working in their careers. Only a small number were not working or not intending to resume work.

May 21

Internal House, a women's liberation project, has opened in Toronto as a refuge for women who are leaving their husbands, have been deserted, or have arrived in Toronto with no plans. It is operated on a \$30,000 Federal government grant.

May 23

Two groups giving submissions to a select committee of Parliament which is revising the Police Offences Act, are dissatisfied with the law which makes it illegal to instruct or persuade children under 16 to use contraceptives. The Auckland branch of NOW is concerned that parents could be prosecuted under the present law, while the Medical Association of N.Z. urges that registered medical practitioners should be exempt from the law.

May 25

Ms Jelicich, MP for Hamilton West, challenged insurers to recognise the role of women in modern society. She suggested that child care centres be offered more attractive premiums, mortgages be made more accessible for women, and that insurers encourage wives to be equally insured with their husbands.

May 26

A woman, Janet Crump, will be the leader of Victoria University's Antarctic research expedition to the Ross Dependency in October.

May 29

Denmark's new abortion law, to become effective on October 1, makes abortion available free, on demand until the 12th week of pregnancy.

June 1-4

Attending the international feminists' Conference in the States, there are at least 4 women representing N.Z.:

Sue Kedgley, Kitty Wishart,

Connie Purdue and Susan Acheson.

Letters

Mt Roskill,
AUCKLAND.

Dear Broadsheet,

A bigger and better "Broadsheet"?
You bet! It must come girls and put your price up to twenty cents from this issue on. Even our kids pay 20c for their comics, surely we get as good a value in "Broadsheet". So easy to fall into the old feminine attitude of undervaluing our own efforts. I say, think "big", plan "big", aim "big", and we will pack a "big" punch.

Mrs L. Bozinovitch

Grafton,
AUCKLAND.

Dear Broadsheet,

I was most interested to read your interview with Evelyn Reed, but would like to voice certain disagreements. She states that she sees no place for men within the feminist movement. I would tend to think that the whole concept of women's lib shows a realization that the type of relationship that has existed between men and women is no longer satisfactory.

I regard men as being as oppressed as women are. Men have to be "liberated" as much as women from their former roles. It requires a formation of a completely new type of relationship. It is well enough to agree with a theory or concept but it is another matter making it a reality.

When a women wants to work on her own to be liberated I would be rather sceptical of her approach. To me it is a contradictory note to women's lib. To have an "I-thou" distinction between men and women will never change the social system which we are all part of. It's like saying that men = women but then forming a distinction between the two. Man is not woman's enemy. I would be very sad to think that any woman may regard him as such. We have had a situation existing where men and women have had different roles. Nobody is to blame, there's nothing intrinsically wrong with these roles. We are merely at a point that certain men and women realize they want to change their roles. Let's change them together. It's not a matter of sister unite or brother unite. It's people unite.

David Altman



Dear Broadsheet,

From "Auckland Star", Wednesday, May 23rd.

Dr Ray Fowler, executive director of American Association of Marriage and Family Counsellors - itemizes what a man wants in a wife.

- a woman something like his mother.
- a good sex partner
- someone to keep his home life straight.
- a good mother for his children.
- someone to listen to his troubles.
- a "prefect" to keep him on the straight and narrow.
- an admirer who makes him feel as though he is THE very important person in her life.

He summed up the situation by saying that a woman had to be a man's "positive reinforcement" while he provides the security base for her. He continued his rave with such comments as; "the reason most men did not want to discuss work (with their wives) was that all they wanted to do at the end of the day was to forget the office or factory and not answer "dumb questions".

Perhaps he advises his clients to marry a dog, a cabbage or their mothers!

Pip Priestly



GAY PRIDE

Gay women have been actively involved with Women's Liberation movements, internationally, for so long now that it surprises me when women express contempt or intolerance whenever Lesbianism as a subject for discussion occurs within their movement. And this frequently happens. Women tend to avoid the subject and prefer to keep the whole thing on a more heterosexual level.

Gay Liberation in New Zealand is young. Sometime last year a group of angry gay women got it together after one of the women was refused entry into America on a scholarship to study the liberation movements over there (Gay Liberation included). G.L.F. trundled precariously along for a while then fell into the hands of a more socially oriented movement for the men. The women gradually pulled out, not feeling the need for the social thing and angered at the non-movement it became known as. The media at that time were still not very interested in our aims but rather more in gathering some sensational material...a familiar problem for us all. This media hang-up is slowly coming around to a more enlightened representation for G.L.F. since we decided not to give them the kind of material they could use to hurt the movement and also we ferreted out the good guys from the bad...journalists.

The new Campus based front has learned and benefitted greatly from past mistakes.

Spirits are high, anger ever-present and gay pride is becoming a reality. The men and women are working together for our liberation. We

have come out of our closets fighting and for some this psychological metamorphosis is a new and enriching experience. Because liberation, but it's very nature, must include a political awareness this is growing too; we are not hiding from our oppressors anymore, we are meeting them on their own ground - from Government level through to Jill Blogg who doesn't want to know anybody apart from those "normal" ones whom she feels safe relating to.

Gay women work actively within many of the liberation groups outside G.L.F. Here, in Auckland, gay women work for, and contribute to Women's Liberation....supporting the policies and aims of the groups..

When I attended my first meeting at 25a Princess Street it angered me to be informed that the group did not consider lesbianism to be any "special" thing and I

had the distinct impression that if I shut up about my gay sisters and their problems then all would be cool...because that is how

it had always been. I argued that gay women are not after "special" treatment but that they had to be internalized into the movement and I was interested to see how this was being done, if at all. To do this all the women had to be aware of our existence, understand as much as possible about us as people, our sex lives and lifestyles. Otherwise SISTERHOOD and SOLIDARITY would be a farce as far as we are concerned. It is not good enough, and never will be, for "liberal" women to say we are welcome but we don't want to know you as women. Overseas, lesbianism has been an integral part of consciousness raising. As women we have suffered similar and often the same oppression as our heterosexual sisters.

I argued that gay women are not subjected to exactly the same oppression as heterosexual women...and this still stands as a valid reason for allowing the lesbian to express herself and her problems in terms of her own lifestyle. Just as we all have differing conceptions of how and why women are oppressed, so it stands

to reason that the twain does not always meet at certain points and therefore we suffer some forms of oppression that heterosexuals are simply going to have to know about if this liberation is, indeed, for all women.

Gay women have a history of carrying the double burden of being women, and then (God forbid!) homosexuals/bi-sexuals...the latter being in the majority, which, apparently makes the whole thing just a touch more palatable. Obviously, as women we are discriminated against, and, apart from our more courageous sisters, we have had to hide or suppress our attraction to other women. This is changing. Kate Millett has come out to fight for her gay sisters as have other "Internationally known women" who have had a guts full of the persistent hostility or banal indifference expressed by both sexes. We look forward to Kate's new book about gay women...and if she does the same for gay women as she did for women's liberationists then perhaps for the first time in history we will read an accurate version of what a gay woman is all about.

Whether we like it or not we are bisexual creatures. There is substantial scientific evidence to support this claim and many psychologists, anthropologists and sociologists are of the opinion that the exclusive heterosexual who feels no homosexual leanings at any time (after adolescence) is as brainwashed by society's codes of normality as is the exclusive homosexual who finds heterosexual

relationships distasteful and unsatisfying. The sexual continuum - with the extremities of homosexuals and heterosexuals and all the "others" in between allows for a vast range of human relationships, that if indulged in, go against the almighty and elusive NORM.

Gay women have chosen the "in-between" ...the alternative lifestyle, where most everybody is anyway; and while on the one hand we indulge joyfully, on the other we are made to feel joylessly unacceptable by established standards. The sexual continuum implies that a lot of people are fooling themselves by suppressing any other sexual relationships other than those they are conditioned into responding to. Gay women involved in homosexual or bi-sexual relationships have had to stop fooling themselves and that is partly liberation.

Too much garbage under the guise of research has flooded the literary market for too long. It is true that all research on lesbianism comes from institutions where the subjects are suffering from an illness and are hardly representative of a cross-section. But it is not only our experts who continue to proffer up all the embarrassing and often insulting garbage it is also those soulless individuals who write plays, produce movies and novels with or without any personal experience or encounter with the people they exploit. Seeing ourselves presented on the "porno" shelves, in hopelessly inaccurate movies and prejudiced, biased medical books is doing nothing to enlighten people...but it is making us angrier. Titillating a heterosexual audience is not what gay liberation is all about.

Women who think that lesbians are not discriminated against are simply not observing the facts. Reality is that gay women have internalized much of the garbage written about them.... much the same as the blacks who believed they were inferior to the whites until their own people enlightened them.

The law forbids "indecent acts" between women (too long to go into here). We are seen as criminals and we do get busted. Dossiers are kept on "known" gay women.

The Churches tell us that as long as we are non-practising i.e. a-sexual, then....welcome, sister!. They condescendingly see us as sick, perverted and in need of help. We are pure and blessed in the eyes of the Lord if we defer to the Churches' teachings.

Gay teachers are asked to resign if their sexual orientation is snooped out. Gay sisters with teaching posts live in fear at being sprung.

They lead a false and self destructive life because they have to lie and put up a facade. This psychological genocide is perpetuated within all stratas of employment, of course. Here it is interesting to note that child molesters (pederasts) are 98% heterosexual. But gay teachers are considered unfit to teach the young. The Ed. Dept. prefers Headmistresses to be single and Headmasters to be married. You work it out.

The medical profession (noteably shrinks) persist in categorising gay women as sick, perverted and abnormal. There are few exceptions. Shrinks want us to "go straight" and many admit it is merely because it will be made easier for us because society can make it so damned hard. This is often the somewhat ironical opinion of parents.

Homosexual shrinks also tend to follow this type of aversion therapy to the word....for the same reasons?. I feel more inclined to believe that these people are hiding in a closet too. It is not unusual to see Homosexuality listed as the diagnosis of a mentally ill patient. We have no word, to date, that this same diagnosis has been applied to Heterosexuals suffering from a mental illness. Various aversion therapy techniques have been used against us....long before "Clockwork Orange".

But SOCIETY imposes the most effective (and this is going to have to go), and massive form of aversion therapy yet. By rejecting, ignoring and ostracising us; telling us we are inauthentic women; that our love lives are unsatisfactory and invalid; that we are promiscuous (look that up sometime) and insensitive towards each other (that you should know?) and generally round twisted is not exactly the most beautiful welcome, sisters. We are told by both sexes that all we need is a good fuck and all will come right. Well, put it this way then: while you imagine all this to be so we are laughing all the way to the next orgasm. Does this make the oppressor angry, envious or downright furious?. We refute all the cruel and depthless accusations against us and this is where Gay Liberation is working hard.

Gay Liberation is, first and foremost, concerned with fostering Gay pride and gay liberation from the oppressor will follow. Until we can relate naturally toward each other in public (even in the dubious privacy of our own bedrooms paranoia reigns supreme for some...which, in turn damages relationships and creates needless hand-ups) without fearing a great wrath upon our shoulders in whatever manner it is handed out, only then we can truly talk about liberation. We do not ask for tolerance, acceptance,

help or any other form of liberal minded hand-outs. We want to be known as people - personalities, individuals as diverse in our characters as people generally are. Women's Liberationists owe it to all women to know them before they can sincerely and honestly conceive of sisterhood.

Ignorance breeds fear and fear breeds hostility. Many heterosexual women are labouring under the misconception that gay women automatically lust after all women and while this may be a flattering prospect for some, it can cause a great deal of breakdown in communication and communion between women. Let us strive for a little more honesty and intelligent insight rather than the present prevailing ignorance generally found within the movement.

The Feminist movement is seriously misguided when women oppress some of their members by ignoring their needs. We do not want wishy washy acceptance - since we are already working within the ranks - we want and demand equality. Gay women have been forced to sit back for so long....psychologically and emotionally crippled: feeling unable to express themselves openly, yet they work energetically, intelligently and militantly for Women's Lib. - all over the world. Indeed, gay women have often founded the movements in various countries. It is wrong and unforgivable of the oppressor to expect us to continue to remain in a position of imposed inferiority.

Many women have told me after meetings etc; that they are afraid to come out in front of the group they work for because they are certain of a common reaction: "what you do in your own bedroom is your business; it is o.k. by me...so why worry about it?". This little stamp of approval, this subtle form of rejection perpetuates the non-person syndrome so many gay women deeply resent and unfortunately believe, in some cases. Women's Liberation in N.Z. will become a middle class, "liberal" and elitist, happenless group until we learn how to stop alienating ourselves from our sisters in the fight for ALL women's liberation.

Homosexuality is rife with myths and fallacies. Gay Liberationists are, in short, pissed off with the whole oppressive scene. No more bullshit, no more beg, steal or borrow....we are going to achieve our liberation as women and as homosexuals.

GAY IS PROUD

Sharon Alston

JUNE
24-30

GAY PRIDE WEEK

The subject of homosexuality is clouded by more fear, prejudice and irrationality than almost any other subject. Because of this, most people could not conceive of us gays being proud of our homosexuality - never mind about us taking action to end our oppression. Well, at last the unthinkable is happening!

Gay Pride Week is in part a commemoration of the Stonewall Riots in late June four years ago in New York when gays in the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich village, fought

back furiously against a police raid. The riots gave vent to a tiny portion of the anger gay people have been accumulating for centuries.

Only by coming out of our closets and fighting for our liberation in the open in close solidarity with our gay sisters and brothers and with the other liberation movements, especially women's liberation, can we hope to end our oppression. Today for the first time gay people are discovering that gay is proud.

SUNDAY 24th.

Gay Women's Seminar. 10.00 a.m. till 6.00 p.m.
McLaurin Chapel hall, Princes St. City

Gay Men's Seminar. 10.00 a.m. till 6.00 p.m.
5 Princes St. City.

Combined Social 6.30 p.m.
5 Princes St. City.

Monday 25th.

From Monday there will be a literature table and guerilla theatre every day in university quad. 1.00p.m.

Gay Pride Teach-In for gays. Top common room, Students Assoc. bldg. Princes St. 7.30.p.m.

TUESDAY 26th.

Feminists invited to Gay women's Forum - on lesbianism. * **BE THERE**.
" The double burden of the Gay Women's Liberation "
Women's Common rm. Students Assoc. bldg. Princes st.
7.30.p.m.

WEDNESDAY 27th.

Socialist Forum on Gay Liberation. Top common rm. 8.00p.m.

THURSDAY 28th.

Lunchtime Forum. Gay Liberation speakers. Quad. 1.p.m.
Gay Rights Forum. Invited speakers and sponsors. B.28
7.30. p.m. Alfred St.

FRIDAY 28th-

Debate: " Gay-Good or Bad ? " B.28. Alfred St. 1.00p.m.
MARCH...around demands:-
Repeal all anti-homosexual laws.
Ban all discrimination against gays.
Assemble Town Hall at 7.00p.m. March to C.P.O. for
rally with speakers and sponsors.
Social afterwards. Top common rm.

SATURDAY 30th.

Social. " Send Up Evening " Top common rm. 8.00p.m.
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working together

Right from the outset in both the United States and in Auckland, gay women have played a prominent part in all women's liberation struggles. What is more important, they have provided a radical spearhead.

To many women, for instance, reform of abortion laws was sufficient, along with equal pay, property rights inside marriage and so on. But to gay women it was clear that these were half-measures, doing little for women anyway, but almost nothing for gay women themselves. Of course women should be allowed to control their bodies, to be employed on merit, and be paid for housework, but gay women realized that these gains left the very institutions of oppression untouched. The family, the Church, the schools, the institutions of conservation of male dominance and male-female role-playing - the institutions that had caused the discrimination against women and against gays in the first place - were what were needed to be informed against and put away - at least radically changed.

And if gay men set up clubs for social meetings or legal and medical services it was little wonder that gay women seldom got deeply involved in the organisation, frequented the premises or used the services even if allowed, even if encouraged.

But immediately a programme of action, of education, of research, of demonstration against the causes of gay oppression (and women's oppression) was formulated, a most vital co-operation and delicate comradeship sprang up between women and men in the Gay Liberation Movement.

It overcame considerable social misunderstandings among one another. The sexually oppressed, gay women, women, and gay men will find their solidarity, as we have done, in bunting out common fundamental oppressors and not by detailing our widely differing sufferings.

Dick Morrison

signature when opening accounts etc. Could other feminist groups help us by documenting these cases on our forms. They are available by writing to 48 St Andrews Rd, Epsom, Auckland.

new bill

Now that the struggle for the Equal Pay Act has been fought and won, it is time women concentrated on preventing other forms of sex discrimination. While protest against sex discrimination, in the form of publishing incidents of discrimination, boycotts etc are useful, the most effective way in which to prevent sex discrimination is to legislate against it. It has been said time and time again that what is needed is a change of attitude towards the role of women in society. This is true, and it is also true you cannot legislate for a change in attitude. Legislation however, will assist greatly in effecting this change. It will emphasize the problems that women have in our society and provide means by which these problems can, at least legally, be overcome.

If it is considered anti-sex-discrimination legislation is needed, it is essential that careful consideration be given to the type of legislation required. At present, it has been suggested that an anti-sex-discrimination clause be included in the Industrial Relations Bill. While this may be seen as a step forward, it solves only part of the problem. Because of the scope of the Bill, such a clause relates only to women in industry. What is really needed is a separate Act of Parliament that relates to all aspects of sex discrimination. This is the approach that is at present being taken in England and Australia, and it is time New Zealand also was thinking of introducing similar legislation. Approaches to some M.P.'s have already been made, intention is that firstly a private member's Bill be introduced but before this can be done, a case for such a Bill will have to be made. It is important that women's rights groups start working now towards this goal.

Margaret Wilson.

Auckland Womens Liberation is collecting cases of discrimination to support the case in favour of the proposed bill outlawing discrimination against women. We must prove to those who argue that women are not discriminated against, that in actual fact they are. We have had printed forms to be filled in by those who have come up against discrimination. It could be that you have not got a job or promotion because you are a woman, or you could have been refused a loan or mortgage. Other types of discrimination include refusal of entry to bars, clubs etc, insistence on husbands name or

JEANETTE CREWE IS THE GUILTY ONE

Just in case Broadsheet readers have any remaining doubts as to whether Alister Taylor is a radical who supports women, gays, brown, and other minority groups, or whether he is an opportunistic band-wagoner, I refer them to his latest venture, Rolling Stone. Don't buy, but take a look at the May 24 issue, page 46, "New Zild: The Eketahuna Mythology", by Tony Simpson, an article which embodies a most savagely anti-women, not to mention anti-intellectual, philosophy, if one can dignify it with that name. And this is not in Truth, but in Alister Taylor's swinging underground import, R.S.

terests and background necessary between a male and a female; a female who rejects a male of differing education and tastes is playing at "local gentry" and "peasant" to use Simpson's analogy. i.e. She is an uppity woman.

In fact, Jeanette Crewe is not only blamed for rejecting Arthur Thomas, but also, by implication, for perpetuating the entire state of inequality which exists in our society today. "What surprises me is not that this shooting happened, but that they do not happen regularly and often." (sic)(and sick).

The author believes that Arthur Thomas murdered Jeanette Crewe, but in reality Jeanette Crewe is "the guilty perpetrator and Arthur Thomas the guilty victim." (From the total context of the article, one has the feeling his original copy must have read "innocent victim".) Thomas "is the victim of the sort of society personified by the sadism of Jeanette Demler (Crewe)." The author, the sickest and most twisted of male chauvinists, blames the whole thing on Jeanette's rejection of Arthur Thomas. She rejected him because she came from a wealthier background, had a better education, had travelled, and because Arthur Thomas had dirty fingernails. Of this crime, Simpson declares: "Such people appal and disgust me; rural N.Z. is riddled with them." In other words, Jeanette was merely a woman, therefore inferior to any male, no matter how dirty his finger-nails, and should therefore have been an object to be selected at will. Any woman who does not immediately take into her heart and her bed any male who wants her, is guilty of sadism and deserves to be shot. In Simpson's twisted mind, there is no such thing as compatability of in-

Simpson concludes his attack on the murdered Jeanette Crewe with this: "So Arthur Thomas rots in jail. He is kept there not by locks and bars and prison officers...., but by the state of mind of this bloody society of ours which is afraid to look its own festering psyche in the face..." As far as I am concerned, the most festering psyche around is Simpson's - and let us not forget it was Alister Taylor who made it possible for this chauvinistic rubbish to see print.

Toni Church

p.s. If Broadsheet readers would like to "educate" Taylor & Simpson as to what is wrong with this sort of attitude to women, their address is: Box 10292, Wellington. Also, I should like to nominate Simpson to receive the annual Broadsheet award, "Chauvinist Pig of the Year".

WOMEN ALWAYS ARE

kicking against the pricks

May's "Socialist Action" reports that on May 1 Wellington police seized copies of "Itch", an independent Wellington high school publication, as it was being sold to Rongatai College students. Police said they were submitting the publication, which contains an article on contraceptive methods, to the Indecent Publications Tribunal, "as a matter of routine". Margaret Sanger, we need you.

Auckland Women's Liberation is now receiving some interesting overseas feminists newspapers. "Liberation" from Adelaide, is published at Bloor House, the headquarters of the feminist movement there. They report that 4 women's liberationists dressed in overalls infiltrated the BHP steelworks at Wollongong and worked for four hours alongside the men without being detected. They were protesting at the refusal of the steelworks to employ women in an area where families are finding it difficult to exist on one wage. "Majority Report" is a fascinating 20 page newspaper put out by New York feminists. Of special interest to us is the news that Woodbine, Texas, has a 25-member volunteer fire department which is 100% female. The women raise money for equipment etc. by holding picnics raffles and bake sales (they get no money from the town). Fire Chief Ms Verlie Gunter reports "All the little girls want to grow up to fight fires". In New York, groups and services exist to satisfy every feminist need. There are women's art centres, a Women's Liberation Marching Brass Band, (just what we need for Friday nights in Queen St), feminist art journals, midwives groups for home delivery, anti-rape squads women's dances, feminist therapists, women's bars, feminist entertainment

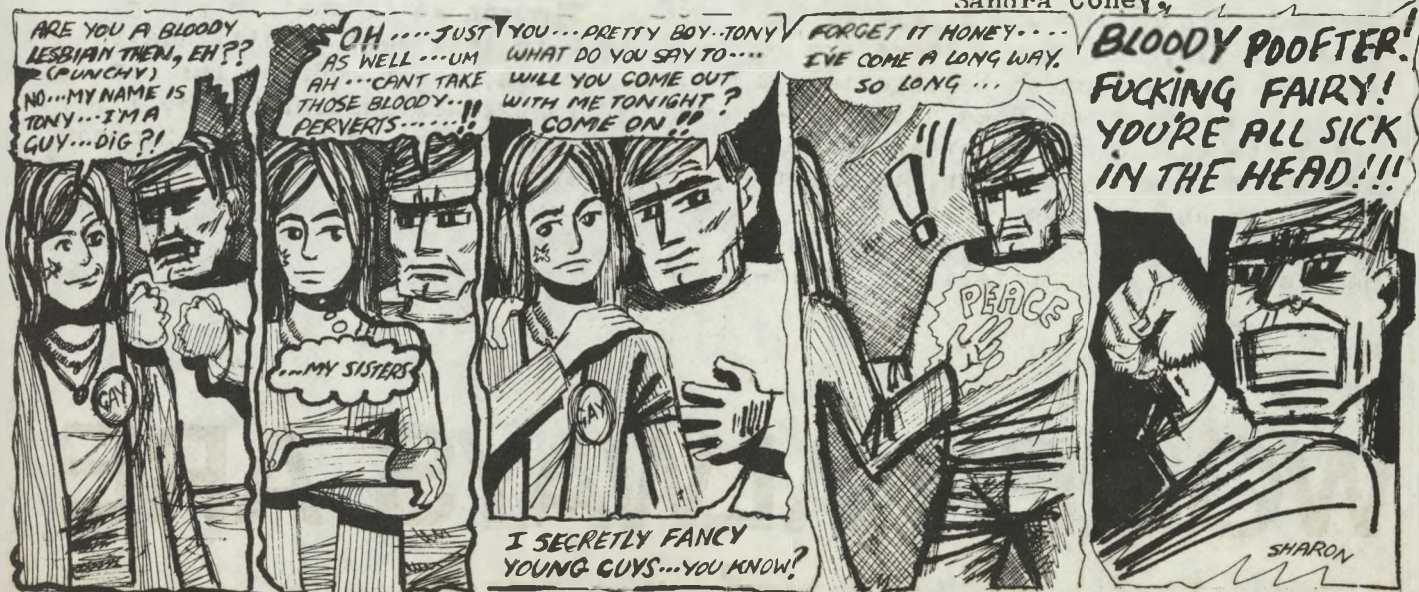
agencies and women's businesses providing restaurants, carpenters, and housepainters. It's enough to make any red-blooded feminist green with envy.

News of Sue Kedyley from the Yorkshire Post. Under the title "Lib Leader on the Run" we are told Sue is gathering material for a book and also that she intends to attend the international feminist conference in the U.S.A. She left New Zealand, the article says, to escape her image as leader of the liberation movement in New Zealand. "I rather became public property" she said, "A performing seal almost..."

Quote of the month from Priscilla Riggs, former wife of Bobby Riggs who defeated Margaret Court at tennis in "A crushing blow for Women's Liberation". Ms Riggs said the breakup of their marriage had nothing to do with male chauvinism. "He was away so often that it was extremely difficult to bring up six kids almost on one's own. All the responsibility is left to the wife and sometimes it becomes too much". That's what male chauvinism is baby. (8 o'clock May 26)

It seems to have become usual practice for defence counsels in rape cases to try and prove that victims of rape actually enjoy it. In one recent case medical evidence was produced that the victim's vagina was wet - ergo she must have liked it. In a case reported in May 29 Truth, the victim was asked "When you were having intercourse with Sarich, did you not move into a number of different positions?". Struggling perhaps? Of course in other rape cases it has been argued that because the victim did not struggle she was passively enjoying it.

Sandra Coney,



broadsheet report

Auckland Womens Liberation

The arrangement whereby business meetings are held on every second and fourth Tuesday, and social meetings on every first and third Tuesday, seems to be working very successfully.

At present two extremely important projects are under action - one which will mainly affect local feminists, and the other which we hope will be of national interest and benefit. We have decided, together with Women for Equality, to look for suitable accommodation from which to direct our activities, hold meetings, social gatherings etc, and publish Broadsheet. A small committee has been set up to investigate this.

At our last social meeting Margaret Wilson, lecturer in Industrial Law at the University of Auckland, gave us an extremely interesting outline of her efforts so far to have legislation outlawing discrimination on the grounds of sex introduced into Parliament. Margaret stressed the importance of having separate legislation, and emphasized that the matter should not be the subject of clauses written into each industrial award, where it could be conveniently forgotten by an employer, and its existence might well be unknown to the average employee. (Who can honestly say that they know the content of their own industrial or professional award?). The outcome of this meeting was a resolution that we support Margaret in her efforts to foster this new legislation, and our first contribution will be to document all cases of alleged discrimination on the grounds of sex, in all fields of employment, social legislation, banking, commerce, obtaining of credit facilities etc. So if you feel you have been the victim of discrimination solely on the grounds of your sex, either let the Editor of Broadsheet know about it, or else come to our meetings which are held every Tuesday evening, 7.30 p.m. Flat 1, 25a Princess Street, Auckland.

University Group

Our group spent a lot of time last term helping the Women's Abortion Action Committee organise the April 13 abortion march: We showed a film on two lunch hours at university on Margaret Sanger's fight for contraception, put up posters around the campus, and leafletted both univer-

sity and downtown. We had a foot-float in the university capping procession, showing the stereotypes woman is forced into from childhood to old age.

This term we have started a programme of educationals in the group, as this has been rather neglected.

We have sponsored the Gay Liberation march and will be marching under our own banner, to show our solidarity with our gay sisters and brothers.

The Society for the Protection for the Unborn Child has been quite active on campus lately, as a build-up to their march on July 13, and we will be helping the W.A.A.C. in counter-activities, such as pickets, forums, and literature tables.

We have also set up a sub-committee to look into the running of the university creche, and we will probably take action on their findings.

Wendy Morris

University Women's Liberation meets every Monday at 1p.m. in the Exec. Lounge, 1st floor, Student Union.

Abortion Action

A national Women's Abortion Action Conference is to be held in Wellington on the weekend of July 14th and 15th. All sympathetic organisations and individuals are urged to attend this conference. We need to strengthen our ideas and co-ordinate our actions nationally, in order to win the right of women to control their own bodies. The opposition are launching a serious campaign for the Unborn Child, and organising a march for July 13th. They are able to rely on ministers, and are approaching schools to have a speaker with slides. We urge all women to help us build the conference and counter the onslaught of SPUC. The conference will consist of speeches by various well known pro-abortion people and the second day will be open to women only and will be a decision-making day. Billets can be arranged and a block booking on the train will be available.

For further information and donations contact:-

Cathy J. Carroll, Fl 3, 11 Dillworth Ave, Remuera, Auck.

Phone: 543-742

Sec. Womens Abortion Action Committee meets: Thursday, 7.30pm, Women's Common Room, University.

(Centrepont was initiated by Christ-
church NOW)

We have a membership to date of 600 (at \$2 a head) which should by Sept. be climbing towards the thousand mark. We have plans in hand to raise \$15,000 by Christmas which will bring us about half way towards leasing or procuring a building of some kind to be set up for the use of Christ-church women and those who visit us. Centrepont will be a well-planned complex, containing creche, restaurant, lounge bar, conference rooms, lounges and sports facilities. Comprehensive information and welfare services will eventually be incorporated in the scheme.

To become a Foundation Subscriber and help finance this scheme, post \$2 to

Centrepont, 15 Logie Place,
Christchurch 6.

Don't Buy BP

Our Dunedin Collective sisters have called for support in a boycott against B.P. products, because of B.P.'s appalling sexist advertising to sell their petrol.

Auckland Women's Liberation supports this action and calls on all women to unite and refuse to be exploited as sex-objects any longer.

Congratulations

To the makers of the T.V. film "The Street" for their perceptive glance into the lives of families in a N.S. street. The sympathetic interviewing must have exposed to the masses the genuine situation of the suburban housewife. Let us hope that the consciousness of the masses was consequently raised. It's interesting to note that the Average Young Mrs Kiwi is not as conservative on the abortion issue as people would believe. To the N.Z. Methodist newspaper for their May issue presenting two issues dear to the feminist struggle, i.e. the urgent need for more child-care centres and the abortion debate, which included a draft of liberal abortion law reform. Good to know that at least the Methodists aren't frightened off by controversial issues.

Desperate ???

Are you reaching for the Valium? You can get away if you need to desperately. Few people realise that the YWCA has reasonably priced emergency accommodation available for women and their offspring facing a marital crisis. A twenty-four hour service operates, and payment on the spot is not expected.

French Tests

We as women are capable of acting on a personal level against the French tests. Remember that on principle we as consumers can forego the pleasure of buying French perfumes, cosmetics, clothing, cooking utensils and other bourgeois French items. How trivial an effort to protect the foetuses of future generations, but then the link you must make between statistics and your potential motherhood is not remote.

July Feminist Weekend

**auckland
women's
liberation is holding an
informal womens camp..
speakers ..rap groups**

time : evening of 20 July to the
22nd July...

place: Presbyterian B.C...
Camp. Hunua.....
near Papakura.....

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